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1. As part of a plan to strengthen Chinese Communist defenses along the Kwangtung coast, fortification of Humen (113-41, 22-49) is under way. The construction is being supervised by Soviet advisors. The work was divided into two parts: the first, already completed, called for the rebuilding of Humen itself by 31 July 1950, on a budget of HK \$150,000. This included the replacement of out-moded artillery pieces with 16 guns of USSR manufacture. The second period is to be devoted to fortifications on the outer perimeter around Humen (including the Wanshan Islands, 113-00, 21-00), on a budget of HK \$200,000. This work had been begun by early August and is scheduled for completion by 1 October. Lingting Island (113-50, 22-25), Pei Wan (北望) Mountain, and Chiao (113-39, 22-24) will each have two auxiliary fortresses, each fortress being equipped with four 15mm Soviet-made guns.
2. In eastern P'io Lo Chou (波羅洲), and Changchou in the Whampoa area, fortresses are also being constructed, and defense work is in progress on a number of small islands southwest of Canton. The CCP has placed a high priority on this work.
3. After the Chinese Nationalist forces evacuated the Wanshan Islands, the Canton Military Control Commission sent a large quantity of cement, steel reinforcement rods, and other building materials to these islands for defense works. This was done in compliance with the suggestion of a Soviet advisor, Ho-erh (何爾), (? Horov), that the building up of Wanshan would be a prerequisite for the strengthening of the Humen fortress. The materials were carried from Whampoa by the steamers HAI T'AI (海泰); HAI P'ING (海平), and HAI FENG (海風). The Kwangtung Construction Company, which received the contract for this work, has employed 500 civilians for the project.
4. The Canton Military Control Commission also sent to the Wanshan Islands the 1 Independent Regiment under TSENG Sheng (曾生), the 3 Regiment under LEE Chin-fu (雷金夫), and the 1 and 3 Special Service Regiments, (the latter two regiments being composed of former Nationalist troops), and the Humen 2 Artillery Column, which is equipped with eighteen 60mm guns.* On 13 July the deputy chief of the Board, JEN Hung-hsueh (任洪學), accompanied by

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13 Soviet advisors, made an inspection trip to the Wanshan Islands on the SS HAI P'ING. The party returned to Canton the following day.

5. In the Hainan area, the rebuilding and fortification of Yulin harbor is planned by the Communists. LI Tiao (李涛), member of the National Defense Research Unit, Lo-shen (羅諗) (? Roshchin),** Soviet adviser, and FENG Pai-chu (冯白驹), deputy chief of the Hainan Military and Political Council, are responsible for the work. Two fortresses have been erected at the entrance of Yulin harbor, and all fortifications are being repaired under the supervision of both Soviet and Japanese technicians. At Maling (109-19, 18-19), a new electric power house has been built to supply power for the artillery in the fortresses. All construction work was to be completed by the end of October 1950. The Communists anticipate, however, that the work cannot be finished by this date because of transportation difficulties and shortages of materials and are encouraging Hong Kong and Macao business men to visit Hainan to expedite the purchase and dispatch of supplies.
6. The Chinese Communists are attempting to salvage Japanese ships sunk in the Yulin harbor area during the war. Two ships of 1000 tons each have been raised, and are anchored at An Yu (安遊) wharf, where they are being repaired.
7. Chinese Communist forces in the Yulin area include the 2 Division Hainan Column and the 4 Company of Air Force ground service troops. There are also about 300 engineers and advisors in the city. In Yulin harbor there are two armed patrol boats, one a converted U.S. landing craft of 200 tons, and the other a converted merchant ship of 300 tons, and approximately 50 motor junks.
8. At Sanya (109-30, 18-16), surface construction work on the airfield has been completed. A radar and weather station is under construction, and this airport and its facilities will be larger than White Cloud airport in Canton. At present, however, no planes are using Sanya airfield. Sanya harbor is not serviceable to ships of more than 500 tons, because of accumulated mud in the port. Several dredges from Canton are engaged in dredging the harbor under the supervision of Japanese engineers.
9. The Chinese Communists recruited about 5000 jobless workers to repair warehouses, gasoline dumps, and wharfs in Yulin, Sanya, An Yu, and Hung She (紅沙). The project is approximately 60 percent completed.
10. The Chinese Communist Coastal Defense Fleet includes the following ships: WU FENG (武鳳),*** KUO KAN (國敢), CHIEH FENG (捷風), HAI P'ING (海平), HAI CH'ING (海鯨), HAI KUANG (海光), HAI JUNG (海榮), HAI K'ANG (海康), HAI T'AI (海泰), HAI NING (海寧), HAI SHIH (海柿), HAI CHU (海洲), LIEN NING (聯甯), and 12 other patrol boats.*** The Chinese Communists are planning to make Wanshan (108-05, 21-48) the base of this fleet for protection of the South China coast. Construction companies in Canton recruited 300 jobless workers for the task. One thousand-ton gunboat and 4 gunboats of 400 tons each (the latter resembling D-class Soviet gunboats) are stationed in the Wanshan Islands. Other craft in the area, all small, include 14 armed motor boats, 8 armed motor patrol boats, 20 armed motor gunboats, and about 100 fishing boats. These boats maintain a constant patrol of the Wanshan Islands.

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Comment. Presumably these are mortars.

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Comment. This may be Captain M. Y. Roshchin, one of a group of six Soviet pilots of YAK-15's, stationed in Canton. See

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